

**MINUTES OF THE
SOMERS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JULY 11, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Somers County Water and Sewer District was held on July 11, 2018 at the Somers Museum.

President Ruth Hellen called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.. Present were Bob Foley, Mark Manning, Don Peters and Karen Rhodes. Andy Loudermilk, Manager/Operator and Shari Johnson, Engineer were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Mark moved. Don second.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2018 meeting.

All Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2018-2019 Budget. Rita presented the Budget for the next fiscal year 7/1/18 through 6/30/19. The Board studied and discussed the proposed budget.

Bob moved. Don second.

RESOLVED to approve the 2018-2019 budget as attached.

All Aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Engineer's Report. Shari has received the final pay request from LHC, Inc. for the Summit Avenue Project. Total is \$450,760.36. Congratulations to Andy, Shari and Richard Gebhardt for all the work and the project coming in under the contract price.

Ruth and Rita will go next week to withdraw Valley Bank-\$103,969.75, Parkside Credit Union-\$94,806.34, Whitefish Credit Union-\$48,515.50 and First Interstate-\$88,371.66 to deposit the money into the General Checking Account at Three Rivers Bank to pay LHC, Inc.. The water will now owe the sewer \$271,693.50, water will be paying back the

sewer monthly at 1% interest. This loan will be discussed at the August meeting.

Shari then stated that at the Steamboat Landing negotiation meeting Tim Birk offered to do the excavation at the new water tank property in lieu of some of the water plant investment fees.

Rich told Shari that legally we must go out for bids for the excavating. If the amount is less than \$80,000 estimate we can forego the actual bidding process and seek 3 contractors to bid. Tim Birk would be allowed to bid and the District must choose the lowest responsible bidder.

Shari stated that we need to begin some preliminary work on the tank site which includes surveying and elevation of the tank before we can proceed with the planning phase.

Don moved. Bob second.

RESOLVED to approve Rita and Ruth withdraw the funds in order to pay LHC, Inc.

All Aye.

B. Paullin/Birk Negotiations. Discussion began concerning the negotiations with Steamboat Landing Subdivision. At the beginning of the meeting Marc Liechti handed out a paper explaining what his proposal was to the county. He stated that Lakeside will provide sewer to the subdivision. Also he stated that they are wanting to have two water systems, one for fire flow (apparently taking water out of the pond) and community wells for potable water.

It was pointed out that this property is in the water and sewer district.

Shari listed the five steps for the committee and Steamboat to solve:

- #1 Somers District will contact their attorney concerning Tim Birk doing work in lieu of plant investment money. As stated above Shari has completed this step.
- #2 Marc Liechti will present a proposal to the committee sometime in July.
- #3 Negotiation meeting(s) with the subdivision.
- #4 The committee will bring bring back negotiation recommendation to the Somers Board.
- #5 If the Board approves the recommendation a "Will Serve" letter will sent to the County.

Mark moved. Karen second.

RESOLVED to allow Andy and Shari to hire a surveyor for the proposed water tank property. This survey must be less than \$5,000. If we can't get a survey for that price the Board will reconsider.

All Aye.

Shari and Andy will send a letter to Tim Birk and Rachel Ezell, Flathead County informing them on how negotiations are proceeding.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andy presented his monthly report.

Ruth stated that Dave Haynes, Fire Department, approached her about their proposed new fire station. Ruth had Dave contact Andy concerning price, etc. Andy stated that they will still need to gravity flow their sewer to Mackinaw Liftstation. Andy also recommended that rather than them putting in a 6" meter, which is extremely expensive, they should use the fire hydrant at the end of their water main to fill the trucks.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A. Financial Statements. The financial reports were presented for month ending June 30, 2018.

B. Unpaid Bills. The Unpaid Bills Report was presented. Rita asked that we include Shari's invoice on the list totaling \$19,271.00.

Mark moved. Bob second.

RESOLVED to approve paying the bills including Shari's totaling \$490,440.99.

All Aye.

C. Correspondence. Rita presented a letter from Brenda Kasani requesting that she wants the credit on her water and sewer bill from August, 2017 through June, 2018. It was unanimously agreed by the board that no credit would be given for those months in question.

D. Delinquents. The delinquent list was presented.

Being no further business.

Karen moved. Mark second.

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

All Aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m..

Minutes approved at the August 8, 2018 meeting: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary